

SIERRA VISTA COMMISSION ON DISABILITY ISSUES  
DECEMBER 9, 2015  
REGULAR MEETING  
CITY MANAGER CONFERENCE ROOM  
MEETING SUMMARY

Mr. Rangel called the meeting of the Sierra Vista Commission on Disability Issues to order at approximately 1:00 p.m. in the City Manager Conference Room.

**ROLL CALL**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Kristopher Rangel, Chair  
Tom Reardon, Vice-Chair  
Marshall Harper  
Summer Morefield

MEMBERS ABSENT: Virginia Gannon

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS PRESENT: Amy Carter  
Audrey Peterson-Hosto

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS ABSENT: Lois Sagmoe  
Jessica Donnelly

STAFF LIAISON: Jeff Pregler

COUNCIL LIAISON: Councilmember Ash

OTHERS PRESENT: Georgie Schumaker

**ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA**

Mr. Harper motioned to accept the agenda. Mr. Reardon seconded the motion.

VOTE: Unanimous to accept (4-0).

**ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES**

1. Mr. Harper motioned to accept the minutes for the November 18 meeting. Mr. Rangel seconded the motion.

VOTE: Unanimous to accept (4-0).

## **PUBLIC INTRODUCTION**

Georgie Schumaker introduced herself as a member of the public.

## **UPDATES FROM OTHER CITY COMMISSIONS**

Mr. Pregler gave an update on the Planning & Zoning Commission and stated that the Commission approved proposed amendments to Development Code Articles associated with zoning use classifications and communication towers.

Mr. Reardon stated that the local National Association on Mental Illness (NAMI) organization will be organizing a fundraising Bicycle Ride on September 24, 2016. NAMI will be partnering with the Southeast Arizona Hospitality Association to help increase the awareness of mental illness.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **2. Updating CoDI brochures and reference materials.**

Mr. Pregler discussed the new layout of the CoDI brochure which will include the new City brand and the Commission's new "Strapline" Extraordinary Challenges, Uncommon Strength" on the front cover. Additional minor changes will be made to the brochure as well. Mr. Pregler will work with the City's Public Information Office (PIO) to have a draft copy of the brochure at the next CoDI meeting. Distribution of the brochure was also discussed with suggested locations being schools, faith organizations, City transit, the Chamber of Commerce, and provided to families with the Exceptional Family Member Program (EFMP).

The Commission reviewed the resource information on the Resource Guide. It was determined that the resource contact information needs to be updated and additional organizations added. The Commission suggested organizations such as Nursewise and special needs advisors at the school district. Mr. Pregler will email the current Resource Guide to the Commission members for their review. Changes to the Resource Guide will be discussed at the January meeting. Also, based on comments from the meeting, the Resource Guide will be reformatted and printed as a tri-fold brochure.

The Commission discussed the format of the Sierra Vista Ability Award Nomination form and decided that the City Branding and Commission "Strapline" will be included in the latest version of the document. Also, the title of the nomination form will be larger and more easily understandable. Mr. Pregler will be providing a draft copy of the new nomination form at the next meeting.

### **3. Criteria for Disabled Friendly Business Stickers.**

Based on comments from an earlier meeting, Mr. Pregler provided the criteria for awarding the disabled friendly business sticker to businesses. The criteria is split into two separate categories, Employee based criteria Customer based criteria. The Employee criteria is as follows:

- 1) Employment for the disabled community;
- 2) A mentoring or work skills program for disabled individuals to advance within the organization;
- 3) Employees have attended training classes and are certified and knowledgeable in ADA rules and regulations.

The Customer criteria is as follows:

- 1) A higher level of accessibility for both building access and product access;
- 2) Customer Service areas/representatives providing assistance are easily identified through signage or other identifiable symbols;
- 3) A friendly welcoming environment to disabled individuals (lower shelves, large easy to read lettering, assistive hearing devices available, etc.).

The Commission suggested that the categories be changed to Employee Focused and Customer Focused to better understand the intent of each category. The Commission questioned the criteria that employees be trained and certified. They asked what kind of training is available and who would be providing the training. Mr. Pregler will research and discuss at a future meeting. In addition, clarification was made to the eligibility requirement which now states that any member of the public can nominate a business for the sticker. The Commission indicated that the nomination form should be distributed to businesses in the community and to the Chamber of Commerce to seek out eligible businesses. Finally, it was decided that the sticker winner would be presented the sticker and certificate at a City Council meeting.

### **CALL TO THE PUBLIC**

Ms. Schumaker stated that current bus stop at City Hall is a one year pilot project to see how many riders use the stop. It was stated that the continuity of the bus system needs to be continually monitored.

### **FUTURE DISCUSSION ITEMS, COMMISSION REQUESTS, AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Council Meet & Greet is scheduled for December 15 at the Transit Center (This has since been cancelled).

Mr. Reardon mentioned that NAMI will be providing a class in January called Family to Family where families can discuss their issues and questions regarding family members with mental illness.

### **CITY COUNCIL LIAISON COMMENTS**

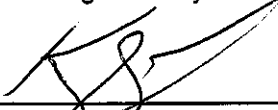
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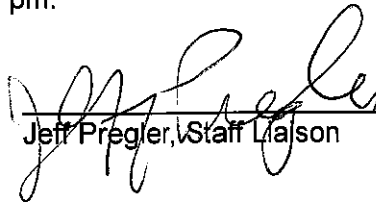
**STAFF COMMENTS**

No comments.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 2:20 pm.

  
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Kristopher Rangel, Chair

  
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Jeff Pregler, Staff Liaison